

# CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

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From the Mayor's Desk (1-6-15)

Good day. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and the new year bring joy and happiness to all.

Last night at our scheduled Regular Commission meeting we discussed and took action on the following items:

A: Code Enforcement Special Assessment Ordinance #524, had the final reading and voted for approval. This ordinance allows the city to place money spent on cleanup / demo work and removal, and code violations as a Special Assessment on the tax property tax roll. At this time the city places liens on the property which may never be collected, and ties up the city money expended.

B: Resolution 15-01, Call for public hearing – voted for approval. This Resolution allows the commission to use the Uniform Method of Collecting one or more series of non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year levied in the city. This Resolution works in conjunction with Ordinance #524.

C: Read Proclamation for Florida First Responders Appreciation Week signed by Governor Rick Scott, recognizing an 5 – 9, 2015 as First Responder Week, which includes Law Enforcement, Firefighters and EMT'S. Thank them for their service, buy them lunch or just say hi.

D: Talked about sending three city employees up to Bridgeport, Alabama to look at an installed water meter system. We have been discussing and evaluating several different systems over the past several months and wanted to get on-hands knowledge of an installed system prior to making a decision for the installation of meters approved on our recent grant. Commission approved the trip.

E: First Reading of Ordinance #525. This is just cleaning up out Code of Ordinances, by amending and replacing Article III – Unfit or unsafe structures; and Article III Nuisance Abatement. This Ordinance works along with Ordinance #524, setting the Contents of the Notice, Order of Abatement, Method of Service and Time to Comply.

## Other items of interest:

A: City Hall will be closed January 19, 2015 in recognition of MLK day, the scheduled workshop will be moved to January 20, 2015 at noon.

B: Some areas had some W/M issues with garbage pick up on the Thursday Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Day). The work was put out that these pickups would be on Wednesday back in early November by the news media, news paper, posted at city hall and verbal communication at the cashier windows. Sorry for the confusion and mix up. I myself for got to put mine out on New Year's Eve. It is hard to change normal routine, but that was my fault.

C: We have some very cold weather coming our way, so please take action now. Take care of Pets, Pipes, Plants and yourselves. Be very careful when using space heaters.

**As always I Thank You for your support and involvement in our wonderful city. We are starting to be recognized by other communities and the improvements we as a TEAM have made.**

**Ralph L. Hammond  
Mayor**